

Safety Alert Bulletin

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Tecumseh Engines Used on Various Power Equipment Recalled Due to Fire Hazard

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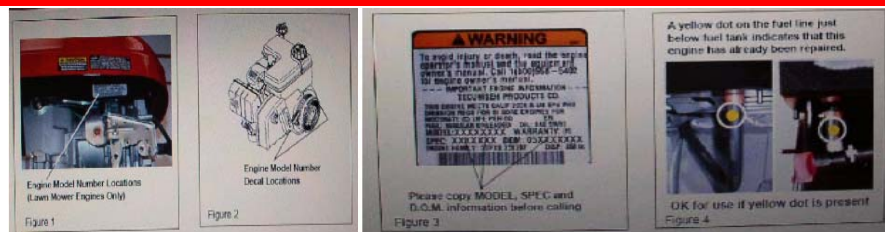
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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturers of the brands named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer products. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Tecumseh Engines used in various Two-Stage Snow Throwers, Ice Augers, Generators, Lawn Mowers, Weed Trimmers, Log Splitters and Fun-Karts.

Units: About 170,000 engines used on various products

Manufacturer: Tecumseh Power Co., Grafton, Wis.

Hazard: The fuel line on these engines can become loose or disconnected, resulting in a fuel leak. This can pose a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Tecumseh has received 235 reports of disconnected fuel lines, including two reports of a fire. There have been no reports of injury. The firm has received 39 reports of minor damage, totaling about \$44,000.

Description: The recall includes power equipment with Tecumseh engines listed below. The engine model number and date of manufacture (DOM) information is located on a label on the side of the housing. The recalled engines have a date of manufacture code (DOM) that starts with 05241 to 05286. The label on the engine reads, "Tecumseh Power Company," and in addition to the Model and DOM information, lists the Spec number needed for identification.

Power Equipment Brand Names

Two-Stage Snow Throwers Ariens, Craftsman, Cub Cadet, Huskee, Husqvarna, MTD Gold Series, Murray, Toro, Poulan Pro, Troy-Bilt, White Outdoor, Yard Machines, Yard Man Log Splitters, Ice Augers and Post Hole Diggers Jiffy, Eskimo, Earthquake, Hoffco, MEPCO Fun-Karts Carter Brothers, Ken Bar Generators, Coleman Powermate, NorthStar LawnVac/Chipper Agri-Fab, Craftsman Lawn Mower, Toro String Trimmers, Ariens

Sold at: Home and hardware stores and equipment dealers nationwide from September 2005 through January 2006 for between \$200 and \$2000.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using their equipment until they receive a free inspection and possible repair if necessary.

Note: Never store engine with fuel in tank in a building with potential sources of ignition such as hot water or space heaters, clothes dryer, electric motors, etc.

Consumer Contact: For more information, call Tecumseh toll-free at (888) 271-4048 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit Tecumseh's Web site at: <http://www.tecumsehpower.com>

Consumers should have their engine model, Spec number, and DOM information available. To view this recall online, please visit our website at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml06/06130.html>



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